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SUBJECT: FAILURE OF GOSL MISSION SEEKING NIGERIAN OIL

REF LAGOS 8911

1. GOSL DELEGATION WHICH WENT TO LAGOS LAST WEEK TO NEGOTIATE PURCHASE 300,000 TONS OF CRUDE OIL PER YEAR (REFTEL) RETURNED EMPTY HANDED, DESPITE LOCAL PRESS REPORTS TO CONTRARY. ACCORDING TO GENERAL MANAGER OF SIERRA LEONE PETROLEUM REFINING CO. (SLPRC) WHO WAS MEMBER DEL., NEGOTIATIONS BROKE DOWN WHEN NIGERIAN OFFICIALS ADMITTED NO CRUDE WAS AVAILABLE BECAUSE "FMG HAD COMMITTED HERSELF TO SELL THE COUNTRY'S EXCESS CRUDE OIL TO WEST GERMANY".

2. COMMENT: SLPRC HAS BEEN PROCESSING NIGERIAN CRUDE SUPPLIED
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THROUGH OIL COMPANIES ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY SINCE 1969. GOSL

HAD HOPED FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS LAST FEBRUARY
IT COULD LOWER PRICES BY WORKING OUT A GOVERNMENT TO
GOVERNMENT DEAL. INSTEAD OF THE HOPED PRICE DECREASE THE
ACTING PRESIDENT WAS INFORMED BY SLPRC YESTERDAY THAT

IT WANTED APPROVAL FOR A 14 CENTS PER IMPERIAL GALLON
PRICE INCREASE TO COVER THE NEW HIGHER COST OF NIGERIAN
CRUDE.
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